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<b>Date Complaint Received:</b> 10/28/13
<b>Complaint Received By:</b> Chad Reckling, SW II
<b>Provider Name and Location:</b> Coretta Cribbs 412 S 5 <sup>th</sup> St Burlington IA 52601
<p><b>Complaint:</b> It is alleged that on 10/28/13 the complainant witnessed the daycare owner was not there but there was an approximately 18 year old female that answered the door. The 18 year old ran to a bedroom to turn off a pornographic movie that was on the TV. While at the home, the reporter stated an 8 or 9 year old female walked out of the same bedroom.</p> <p>The reporter also stated there was a child sleeping in the high chair and a child sleeping on the couch.</p> <p>The reporter was at the house for approximately 10 minutes.</p> <p>Rule Basis: IAC 110.5(1) Conditions in the home are safe, sanitary and free of hazards. IAC 110.5(9) The provider meets the following requirements:     A. Gives careful supervision at all times. IAC 110.5(9) D. If absence is planned, care is provided by a DHS-approved substitute.</p>
<p><b>Findings:</b> 10/29/13 This worker and social worker Maria George went to the home of the provider and attempted contact. An 11 year old girl eventually answered the door and stated that her mother is not doing daycare today and that she was not at home because she was running errands. The girl stated that her dad is in the bathroom and cannot come to the door right now and that she was home sick from school. Social worker George left her business card for the provider to contact her.</p> <p>10/29/13 This worker left voice mail message with the provider to contact this worker as soon as possible.</p> <p>10/29/13 Social worker George contacted this worker and stated that there is one daycare child present at the home but the provider is not present yet. Social worker George stated that a child was dropped off by the school bus and then came to the home and is now riding their bike in front of the daycare home. The provider contacted this worker while this worker was talking with social worker George about the situation. This worker asked the provider if they were home at this time. The provider stated that they were. This worker informed the provider that social worker George was at her front door and that a daycare child was just dropped off to her house by a school bus. The provider stated that she was just coming back from the store and was coming around the corner to her house. This worker stated that we needed to talk with her about a few things. Social worker George confirmed with this worker that the provider had just pulled up to the house. This worker indicated to the provider and social worker George that they would be at the house in a few minutes to join the discussion.</p> <p>This worker arrived at the daycare provider's home. There was one daycare child present when this worker first arrived to the home. Social worker George stated that she had confronted Coretta with the</p>

allegations before the department. Coretta reported that a 16 year old female friend of her son was the person present in the home on 10/28/13 and was left in charge of watching 9 year old household member, 2 year old daycare child who was sleeping on the couch and a 1 year old daycare child who was sleeping in the high chair. Coretta reported that she left the home to go to Hy-Vee and Family Dollar that day and was gone approximately 15-20 minutes. The bedroom that the 9 year old household member and 16 year old female would have been in was the bedroom on the main floor just to the right of the front entrance to the home. Coretta stated that she does not have a DVD player in her bedroom that works and that they will watch movies on NetFlix, Crackle and Hulu Plus. This worker asked Coretta if she or her fiancée possessed any DVDs with adult material on them. Coretta stated that they did not. This worker and social worker George confirmed that her DVD in the bedroom did not work by hooking it up to the television and inserting a DVD in it with no playback results. We had Coretta print off list of movies watched on her NetFlix account to see if any contained adult content. There was one movie, Lola that might contain scenes of a sexually graphic nature. Coretta confirmed which persons were members of the household for this worker and social worker George. Coretta confirmed that it was a 13 year old daycare child that came off of the bus today when she was not at home. Social worker George had Coretta sign a safety plan with the follow items listed:

- Coretta will not leave daycare children with other adults unless they are appropriate & DHS approved substitutes.
- Coretta will appropriately monitor what movies the children watch on television.
- Everyone in the home will have appropriate background checks for the daycare.

This worker informed Coretta that the daycare complaint against her would be substantiated as she admitted that she was gone away from the daycare home and left a 16 year old child in charge of watching them who was not approved as either an assistant or substitute with the state of Iowa. This worker indicated that they would remain in contact with social worker George regarding her findings about whether inappropriate material was being watched by children in the home or not. This worker indicated that they would inform the provider if their registration certificate would be negatively impacted by this situation or not as they knew more information. This daycare complaint is **substantiated**.

This worker conducted a follow up compliance check of the daycare home based on the items noted that were out of compliance from a 8/15/13 visit to the home. Several non-compliance items were noted that had not been resolved. Please refer to letter dated 11/13/13 for further information.

**Resolution:** Coretta will abide by the current safety plan with the department. The department had allowed Coretta **75** days to completely address non-compliance items for her daycare home prior to coming back for a follow up/daycare complaint visit on 10/29/13. On this date there were still several items of non-compliance remaining. Coretta has also displayed and admitted to the department that she did not “provide careful supervision at all times” to the daycare children she was placed in charge of watching which could have caused safety issues for those children in care. Coretta either cannot comply or refuses to comply with child development home laws and rules related to her certificate of registration. The Department of Human Services thereby revokes Coretta Cribbs’ child development home certificate of registration.

If you have any questions regarding this matter feel free to contact me at 1-888-381-6831 or [crekli@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:crekli@dhs.state.ia.us).

Sincerely,

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